

Combat 1990

You select a tank and drive it out of the hangar. As you go down the road, men salute you. Women hold up their babies who wave flags as you go by. You stop precisely in the center of the pad at the end of the road. You count down from 5 to 0 then press the shield button. The opposing forces launch you up to the surface. You check your surroundings and prepare to battle the enemy tanks that are approaching from the North.

Controls:

Power:

Press this only after inserting the game cartridge.
Do not remove the game cartridge while the power is on. Don't even think about it.

Joystick:

Left/Right	Rotate your tank
Up/Down	Forward/Reverse
Right Fire	Fire a missile (maximum of 2 onscreen at once) also disables shield
Left Fire	Enables shield

Difficulty:

A/Expert unused
B/Novice unused

Pause:

Temporarily stops game
Second press resumes game

Select:

Choose between game modes
Single player
Two player cooperative

Reset:

Begin new game

Game Notes:

Pressing Select or Reset will abort the current game in progress

Players have 5 tanks. When out of tanks or 5 minutes, the game ends. One minute after the game ends, attract mode resumes. Attract mode is not a screensaver and should not be left on CRT-based or plasma-based displays for prolonged periods. A game should also not be paused for long periods as it could cause screen burn-in.

Enemy tanks score 25 points.

Enemy saucers score 40 points.

Energy pods provide 100% shields when driven over.

The first tank starts with 100% shields, the rest start with 67%. There is no "friendly fire" for players or enemies. At the end of the game, bonus points are awarded for remaining tanks and shield energy.

The battle is over and you have won. You drive your tank through the underground city. Everyone is out celebrating. Cheerleaders are spelling your name. City leaders are waiting on a platform with the key to the city. Your commanding officer is holding a stack of boxes, each containing a medal for you. Beauty contestants are holding your favorite beverage in one hand and the key to their room in the other. Planes are flying in tight formation overhead. Even though you are in an underground city, this does not seem at all abnormal. You stop and watch a parade of public safety vehicles drive past with sirens wailing. They could be a bit softer as it is disturbing you... You wake up to the early warning siren. It is time to save the world again.

Legalities:

This game shouldn't cause seizures. While the shields and energy pods do color cycle, nothing blinks in an annoying manner.

This game shouldn't cause or aggravate hand or arm related afflictions under normal use due to the slow firing rate of the player and enemy tanks.

If you experience any problems, take a break or stop playing. It's a good idea to interact with other humans occasionally anyway.